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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
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FOR: AF/EPS - L.M. WHITE, COMM'L COORD.

E.O.: 11652: N/A
TAGS: OCON, CM
SUBJ: PROPOSED ECON/COMM CONFERENCE IN YAOUNDE

REFS: A. WHITE TO AMB. SPIRO LTR, AUG 19, 1975 AND TELECON
SEPT 11, 1975
B. STATE 19078

1. EMBASSY IS HONORED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AND HAS SENT NOTE TO GURC REQUESTING APPROVAL (SEE PARA 3). REQUEST HOWEVER THATR DEPT NOT RPT NOT PUBLICIZE YAOUNDE AS SITE PENDING GURC APPROVAL. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY HAS MADE PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES AS TO HOTELS, CONFERENCE SPACE, ETC. REQUEST DEPT FURNISH BASIC INFO AS TO NATURE OF FACILITIES NEEDED FOR CONFERENCE, BASIC VIIBHINES FOR PROGRAMMING, ETC. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH FONMIN RE GURC APPROVAL AND LET YOU NOW IMMEDIATELY WHEN GRANTED.

2. DURING COURTESY CALL ON ACTIMG MINISTER OF ECON AND PLAN ROBERT NAAH ON SEPT 12 AMB MENTIONED INVITATION TO HOLD CONFERENCE, WHICH NAAH GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY. WHEN AMB SUGGESTED THAT CONFERENCE WOULD PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROPRIATELY PLACED GURC OFFICIAL TO GIVE ADDRESS ON COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT OP-PORTUNITIES, NAAH WELCOMED THIS AND RATHER OBVIOUSLY NOMINATED HIMSELF TO BE THE SPEAKER.

3. THE FOLLOWING NOTE, COMPLIMENTARY OPENING AND CLOSING OMITTED, WAS SZNT TO GURC 11 SEPT QUOTE ...AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE
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MINISTRY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS CONSIDERING HOLDING THE

NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS STATIONED IN AFRICA IN YAOUNDE IN FEBRUARY 1976.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO ENABLE AMERICAN OFFICIALS

PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN AFRICAN STATES TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE TO DISCUSS PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. AS A SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT, THE CONFERENCE

WILL OF COURSE PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY WHERE IT IS HELD.

THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED AT THE PROSPECT THAT THIS CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD IN THIS COUNTRY AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE MINISTRY FORESEES ANY PROBLEMS OR IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE HOLDING OF THE CONFERENCE IN YAOUNDE. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON SINCE A CONFERENCE OF THIS SCOPE REQUIRES EXTENSIVE ADVANCE PREPARATION AND A DECISION ON ITS LOCATION MUST BE TAKEN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE... END QUOTE.

4. EMB JUST RECEIVED REF B. WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS PER REQUEST AND CONFIRM DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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